

Division of Mental Health and Addiction
Transformation Work Group Meeting
September 9, 2008
IGCS Conference Center Room 18

Minutes

Members Present: Cathy Boggs, Ann Alley, Ronda Ames, Craig Andler, George Brenner, Tracy Brunner, Alma Burrus, Helene Cross, Gina Eckart, Galen Goode, Debbie Herrmann, Sarah Jagger, Terry Jenkins, Robert Levy, Steve McCaffrey, Joe Montgomery, John Nurnberger, Kathleen O'Connell, Susan Pieples, Rebecca Smith, Rodney Stockment, Bob Williams

Guests: Angie Amos, Judge Johnson, Hira Majid, John Viernes

Director Cathy Boggs called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Robert Levy presented on "Is the Integration of Mental Health Promotion and Substance Abuse Prevention Feasible?" After the presentation discussion followed with a general timeline of the feasibility study. He would like to make a follow up presentation at the December 2nd meeting. Bob Levy requested any ideas, suggestions or recommendations be emailed directly to him at robertmlevy@verizon.net or 812-894-2120. You can find the presentation at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4752.htm>

Ronda Ames, Susan Pieples and Craig Andler, of the Consumer and Family Involvement Subgroup presented on Accomplishments for the past year and Recommendations for the coming year. Ronda indicated that an updated Stigma Paper will be ready for review within the next two to three weeks. You can find the presentation at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4752.htm>

Gina Eckart made a presentation on the progress of the Delivery and Financing Workgroup. You can find the presentation at: <http://www.in.gov/fssa/dmha/4752.htm>

Steve McCaffrey brought the group up to date on this year's meetings of the Mental Health Commission. Several of the topics for discussion at this year's meetings include but are not limited to Integration of Health/Behavioral Health, Forensics, Supportive Housing. Ideas for legislation must be presented by September 23, 2008. Discussion followed on ideas for legislation. It was recommended to revisit the Felony Forgiveness Program with the MH Commission. The final MH Commission Meeting is scheduled for October 21 at which time the legislation recommended to move forward will be selected.

The next TWG meeting will be December 2, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in Indiana Government Conference Center Room C. Discussion will be on the continuation process of the TWG.